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TO: File  
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SUBJECT: Land Issue, Nephi Sandstone, Soma Quarry, S/023/065, Juab County, Utah

In trying to update this bond and determine the acreage by generating a GPS map, the Division became aware that the land status of the mine related disturbance was mostly on BLM land. The original Small Mine permit stated the mine was going to be on patented mining claims and BLM surface. The BLM was aware of this, having notified them March 3, 2000, that the mine was approved and its location was on Patent mining claims and BLM surface. Although in hindsight, this does not make sense, since usually patented mining claims is ownership of the mineral and surface, unless the surface was sold to the BLM. Our map does not indicate this. Since they have subsequently mined off the patented mining claim onto BLM land, we asked for concurrence of the bond amount from the BLM when we discovered the mine was on BLM lands. The BLM could not grant concurrence because the disturbance is not permitted mining related disturbance on BLM land.

However, the bond amount is based on 3 acres of disturbance and fits our criteria for small mine bonds. The BLM has been slow to act on this and I feel we want to be covered in the interim with adequate reclamation bond. I recommend we go ahead with our acceptance of this bond based on the fact that the quarry is 3 acres and the bond amount will most likely not change even after the BLM figures out what to do about this situation.

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Mine Number: S0230065  
Mine Name: Soma Quarry  
Township 14 S Range 03 W Section 22 SLBM

Inspection Date Aug. 29, 2006  
Map Produced by DKS

Acres Disturbed	2.9
Acres Regraded	0
Acres Seeded	0
Road Acres Disturbed	0
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Total Acres Disturbed	2.9
Acres Released	0
Acres Excluded	0
Acres PreExisting	0
Acres Prelaw	0

Legend

All items symbolized in legend may not be appear on map

Access

BLM Salable Minerals

NonMine

Reclaimed

Other

County Boundary

Interstate

US Route

Slate Route

Primary Route

Secondary Route

Main DIRT Road

Unimproved Road

Interchange

Trail

SITLA Mineral Ownership

Bond Area

SITLA Mineral Leases

Community Pit

Disturbed

Regraded

Seeded

Released

Excluded

PreExisting

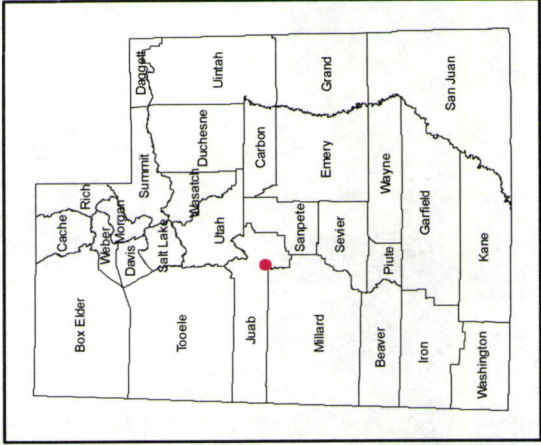
Prelaw

Township or range line

Section line

Section line: location doubtful

NAIP imagery date 2006



1:7,500 1 inch equals 625 feet  
Verify Scale

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Mineral Mines Program

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